

12 December 2005 Questions and Answers

Q: Is NRL interested in tool changers & “tool holders” for the robotic arm?

A: NRL does not require a tool changer or tool holders, but is open to proposals for these items which, if included, should be delineated as a discrete option to the arm proposal, such that all proposals can be evaluated in an equitable manner.

Q: If proposing a tool changer & holder can the gripping capability of the tool be used for retention in the tool holder?

A: Yes, if the net result is a simple, efficient, and reliable design that is easily packaged. Since NRL is still in the process of designing the end effector tools details of this level would need to be matured prior to (and probably after) any formal contract award.

Also maybe to be clear?

Q: Where should the arm proposals due Dec 16th be submitted & in what format?

A: The proposals can be submitted in electronic format (email or CD) or mailed to the following address by 4:00 p.m., December 16, 2005:

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